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Application No.: 10/675,538

Filing Date: September 30, 2003

Examiner: Mark T. Le

Group Art Unit: 3617

Invention: "High Capacity Shear Mechanism"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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Applicant : CURTISS A. GRAU ET AL.  
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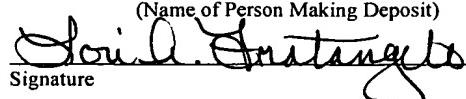
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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